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SUBJECT: AMHERST COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

1) AMHERST COLLEGE GLEE CLUB NOT ONLY HIGHEST CALIBER CULTURAL
ATTRACTION BUT 52 MEMBERS OUTSTANDING "AMBASSADORS" OF THE UNITED
STATES. GROUP VERY EASY TO PROGRAM, CHARACTERIZED BY WELL
BALANCED AND PROFESSIONALLY PRESENTED REPERTORIE, FLEXIBILITY TO
ADAPT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN STAGING, ENTHUSIASM, LOVE TO SING
AND STRONG DESIRE TO MIX WITH PEOPLE. GLEE CLUB EXEMPLIFIES
WHAT IS BEST AND GOOD ABOUT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. IF AT
ALL POSSIBLE, POST SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO HOUSE STUDENTS IN
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PRIVATE HOMES; STUDENTS WON OVER COSTA RICAN FAMILIES WITH THEIR
FRIENDLINESS, SINCERITY AND GOOD NATURE.

2) GLEE CLUB OVERWHELMED COSTA RICAN AUDIENCES WITH THEIR
RENDITION OF THE COSTA RICAN NATIONAL ANTHEM. INSIST THAT
NATIONAL ANTHEM BE SUNG AT OPENING AND CLOSE OF EACH OF THEIR
PERFORMANCES. IF POSSIBLE, RESERVE SUFFICIENT PRACTICE TIME

BEFORE FIRST CONCERT TO PRACTICE NATIONAL ANTHEM. PROGRAMS INCLUDE SACRED MUSIC, MADRIGALS, CONTEMPORARY MUSIC, FOLK SONGS OF OTHER NATIONS AND AMERICAN FOLK SONGS. FROM THIS POST'S EXPERIENCE GLEE CLUB SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON CONTEMPORARY MUSIC AND FOLK SONGS IN BNC AND UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCES; MADRIGALS AT SOCIAL RECEPTIONS AND ONLY SACRED MUSIC IN CHURCHES.

3) COSTA RICA PROGRAM INCLUDED PERFORMANCE IN GYMNASIUM OF INSTITUTO TECNOLOGICO DE COSTA RICA FOR VERY ENTHUSIASTIC STUDENT AUDIENCE OF 400 PEOPLE. UNIVERSITY PROGRAM WAS EMBASSY CONTRIBUTION TO TECNOLOGICO'S SIXTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. EVENING PERFORMANCE IN BASILICA LOS ANGELES IN CARTAGO, CHURCH HOUSES PATRON SAINT OF COSTA RICA, ATTRACTED CAPACITY AUDIENCE OF 1,500 AWED PEOPLE.

CANAL 6, COSTA RICA'S SECOND MOST IMPORTANT TELEVISION NETWORK, WAS PREPARED TO TELEVISION CONCERT LIVE AND IN COLOR OVER NATION-WIDE FEED BUT WERE PREEMPTED AT LAST MINUTE BY REPEAT OF A PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS TO THE NATION. CANAL 6, INSTEAD, TAPED ONE-HOUR PROGRAM SACRED MUSIC SUNG ON STEPS OF THE BASILICA'S MAIN ALTAR. CONCERT OPENED WITH STUDENTS MARCHING DOWN CENTER AISLE SINGING GREGORIAN CHANTS. TAPE IS OF EXCELLENT QUALITY AND POST PLANS TO MAKE EXTENSIVE PROGRAM USE OF IT. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND FIVE STATE DEPT. INSPECTORS AMONG 300 PEOPLE ATTENDING PERFORMANCE IN BNC SAN JOSE THAT DID NOT END BEFORE GLEE CLUB CAME OUT FOR FOUR ENCORES.
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4) GLEE CLUB ON VERY TIGHT BUDGET AND APPRECIATE ALL POST EFFORTS TO EXONERATE THEM FROM AIRPORT EXIT TAXES. REQUIRE STURDY MUSIC STAND AT EACH PERFORMANCE SITE. ALSO APPRECIATE AS MUCH TOURIST INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITES THEY WILL VISIT AS POSSIBLE.
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